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GHI Board Again Wrestles With Heating Problems

by Miriam Cornelius

On December 13, with a quorum of five board members present, the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., worked smoothly through its agenda to a 10 p.m. adjournment.

Heating Problems

Heating costs were a major topic. After considerable discussion the board passed a motion, made by Director Don Volk and seconded by Director Steve Polaschik, authorizing management to obtain bids on variable temperature controls for a small sample of the brick and masonry homes. Cost was estimated to run \$800 to \$1,000 per fuel tank. The manager pointed out that it would be relatively easy (\$400 per plant) to install such controls in the GDC apartments, which have newer heating plants. The board favored going ahead with this at once.

Management reported paying 32.54 cents per gallon (plus sales tax) for #2 oil and 25.62 cents for #4 oil in December. President Jim Smith said suggestions are needed for ways to save fuel oil. He thought it might be useful for groups of members to visit the heating plants so they would understand better how the system works. Director Robert Nelson proposed a monthly evaluation of the heating program, which might be used later as a pattern for evaluating other costs. He also brought up a suggestion made at the membership meeting that Greenbelt Homes could become a pioneer in experimenting with solar heat.

Another item of business related to the new staff engineer, Mr. A. S. Nasir, who is coming to GHI from Bonn, in West Germany. Nasir applied for the post after reading an ad GHI placed in the national engineering journal, and was interviewed by manager Roy Breashears. The board had before it Nasir's request to be reimbursed, at least in part, for the cost of shipping his household effects by steamship. Action was deferred until the actual cost is known, with the understanding that any reimbursement would be conditional on Nasir's pledge to stay at least a year with GHI.

Budget

Director Volk, who was absent from the meeting when the board finalized the 1974 budget, expressed misgivings at the board's decision to suspend additions to the reserves during 1974. President Smith was inclined to agree with this view. He explained that since the membership left the board with no other alternative for meeting increased heating costs, the board felt that the use of reserves should be put "on top of the table" where the membership could see the result of its action. Tony McCarthy of the Audit Committee supported this view. The purpose of a budget is accuracy, McCarthy insisted, and therefore it is not permissible to budget fuel oil below the known cost.

Forestry Project

The board approved a request from Greenbelt CARES for a youth project to stack, haul away and sell dead and dying trees on the 56 acres of GHI land approved for reforestation. The work would be done under adult supervision, and the proceeds split between the young workers and CARES. Terry Clark of the Forestry Service has approved the project and is willing to arrange for marking the trees to be removed, leaving plenty of material to enrich the soil. Director Volk thought GHI should supervise the entire project to ensure that the corporation's long-term interests are protected.

Financing resales of GHI homes through the Credit Union moved a step nearer, Breashears reported. Three days after the Banking Commission in Baltimore gave its approval, however, he received word that the request would have to go to the Attorney General, causing further delay.

A half-holiday on Christmas Eve was voted unanimously by the board. All employees who can be spared are to be given the afternoon off on Monday, December 24. December 31, however, will be a working day for GHI.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday evening, December 27. In the absence of Manager Breashears, comptroller Don McGinn will represent management and the agenda will be held to a minimum.

County Plans for Future

Prince Georges County's efforts at cutting the county's annual population growth by 50 percent as well as improving local environment and services were outlined at the 56th annual American Institute of Planners Conference by Councilman Francis Francois and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Edward W. Chen.

Principal tools described by Mr. Francois and Chen included: the county's Ten-Year Water and Sewer Plan which regulates development, the Six-Year Capital Improvements Program and Budget specifying when and where county facilities will be built and the Population Stabilization Program to encourage balanced use of physical and human resources. They also discussed the Six-Year Public Services Program that categorizes and sets priorities for government operations, the Economic Development Program, improved development review and permit procedures, more stringent subdivision controls, and the new Neighborhood Improvement Plan aimed at upgrading older sections of the county.

Police Talk To Women's Group

"Wednesday Conversations for Women" continue on Jan. 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m., at the Greenbelt Library with "Police and Community Relations." A member of the Greenbelt Police Force will be the speaker, followed by a discussion of the most frequent crimes in Greenbelt and how they are handled. Audience questions will be encouraged. All are invited; admission is free; baby sitting is provided for a small fee.

Consumer Info. Service

Consumer Information Service, Inc. is a new consumer telephone information service which will provide comparative store price information free to the public. The service will list metropolitan area store price information and will give free to the consumer the three lowest prices on a list for any specific item carried by the service. In general, the items listed will be over fifty dollars. For information call 927-5557.

WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, Dec 27, 7:45 p.m. GHI meeting - Hamilton Place
Wednesday, Jan. 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Women's Conversation Group, Greenbelt Library

County Council Extends Rent Ceiling

The Prince Georges County Council extended the present six percent rent ceiling for two more months until March 1. The move is intended to give the county's Land-Lord-Tenant Commission a chance to survey the question and come up with a viable solution.

A number of the county's landlords complained that the six percent increase doesn't allow a businessman to make a "reasonable profit" in the face of rising fuel oil, utility, and employee costs. Landlords who appeared at a public hearing earlier in the day warned legislators that restrictive rent increases would foster county slums since services to apartment dwellers would have to be cut back.

If forced to live under rent controls the county's businessmen claimed a measure by Chairman John J. Garrity would allow them to install those capital improvements tenants are clamouring for and landlords would like to see. Under that measure, a five percent rent control with some pass-through stipulations would be in effect until April 1, 1975.

County WSSC Proposal

Prince Georges County Council Chairman John J. Garrity and Councilman Francis B. Francois will present to the County delegation a proposal for restructuring the bi-county Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. The proposal has been passed by County Council.

The proposal would create a five member board with direct representation from the state and both branches of the Prince Georges County and Montgomery County governments and is "designed to make the Commission more responsive to the needs of the general public."

Commission membership would include one member each from the two County Councils, selected by a majority Council vote. Similarly, one member would be named by each County Executive with Council confirmation.

The fifth Commissioner and chairman of the WSSC, as proposed by Francois and Garrity, would be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate.

EMERGENCY SNOW PLANS

Parents and students should listen to the radio or TV for announcements concerning the delayed opening or early closing of schools during inclement weather.

Most area radio and TV stations are contacted by a member of the Superintendent's staff before 6:30 a.m. if a decision has been made to delay the opening of school. If no announcement is made on radio or TV, citizens may assume that schools will operate on a normal schedule.

When the opening of schools is delayed, classes for all pupils generally will begin one hour later than their regular starting time.

The morning kindergarten session will end at regular dismissal times. The afternoon session will begin and close at regularly scheduled hours.

Schools may be closed early because of emergency weather conditions. Once again, radio and TV stations will be notified immediately after the Superintendent has reached a decision.

Citizens are asked not to call schools to determine whether or not there will be an early dismissal of students or late morning opening.

Final Results Of September Questionnaire Tabulated

Greenbelt voters rated city services as "Good" and significantly better than the State, County, or Federal Governments, according to a recently completed tabulation of questionnaires filled out by voters at the city election in September. Maryland state government and Prince Georges county government were graded as "fair plus" by the same voters while the U. S. Federal Government was given a "fair" rating.

Energy Task Force

The first meeting of the County Council's energy saving task force ended with strong warnings to the public against improper storage of gasoline and possible dangers from siphoning gas.

Council Vice Chairman Francis W. White, who conceived the nine-member citizen - government - business panel, chaired the session. Members included local businessmen and three citizen representatives.

The task force is charged with exploring long-range energy saving techniques that can be employed on the local level. They will probe county government energy use and how to reduce it, home energy reductions and what private industry can do to ease the crunch.

The committee will survey the county's physical plant with a view to savings by altering light usage and working hours, limiting parking, reducing the size of county-owned vehicles and the advantages of car-pooling. They will consider the ramifications of switching to the four-day work week.

They will also be looking into the possibility of property tax incentives to industry to save energy as well as slashes in lighting and operating hours of business. The panel also will be taking a close look at air pollution standards for larger heating plants.

Seven immediate suggestions came out of the first session. Heading that list was a call for energy impact statements, to be filed as part of permit or zoning applications for new construction. The statements would be similar to the environmental impact statements already required under county law.

The warning against improper storage of gasoline and other fuel came in the wake of several accidents around the nation caused by storing or transporting gasoline and other fuels in the wrong manner.

They also cautioned against the use of electric space heaters unless wiring is sufficient. A check with county fire officials revealed that several fires yearly are attributed directly to use of such devices in circuits not equipped to handle them.

The task force indicated they planned to encourage the county's major shopping complexes to allow use of their parking lots during the daytime as gathering points for car pools.

FREE LEGAL TAX AID

County Executive William W. Gullett has ordered the county's legal department to provide assistance without charge to Prince Georges residents appealing their recent real estate tax reassessment. Action came Dec. 18 as the county assessments office reported that more than 5,900 citizens had so far filed appeals of their reassessments.

The recent reassessments averaged 36-40 percent for most county homeowners, and all but neutralized the efforts of the executive and council who have managed to avert a tax increase for the last three years.

Under recent changes in state law, the county government is no longer in any way connected with the assessment procedure. The entire operation is controlled by the Maryland Department of Assessments and is legally represented by the State Attorney General.

Fire and rescue service, a non-city service provided by the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., other volunteer departments, and Prince Georges county paid firemen, was given the highest rating of any service rated, receiving an "excellent minus."

Highest rated city service was police protection, followed by recreation programs for pre-teens and golden agers. Lowest rated service was that of youth counseling, a newly instituted program less than a year old. All city services received grades of either "good" or "good minus."

Increasing Expenditures Favored

In another question voters strongly rejected the city decreasing its expenditures for various services and facilities, with no more than 8% indicating a desire to cut back a service. A majority of the voters expressed the desire that expenditures be increased for youth counseling (78%), purchase of park land (57%), park improvements (54%), new recreation facilities (53%), and park maintenance (50%). Not asked was if the voters were willing to pay higher taxes for such services.

The response of voters to spending more or less money for specific facilities and services follows:

	Spend More	Spend Less	Same
Parkland Purchase	57	7	36
Park improvements	54	5	41
Park maintenance	50	2	48
New rec. facilities	53	8	39
Recreation prog.	48	5	47
Police protection	43	5	52
Street improve.	43	3	54
Street maint.	42	2	56
Sidewalk repairs	48	2	50
Youth counseling	78	7	15

New Services

Voters were also asked to single out from a list of 29 items those new facilities or services that they would support. Receiving support from more than half the respondents were construction of more bicycle paths (65%), construction of bicycle-pedestrian overpasses across major highways (57%), and comfort station at lake park (53%).

Other items receiving priority were construction of sidewalks along streets without sidewalks (49%), minibus service within city (48%), housing for the elderly (45%), and a floodlighted ice skating area at lake (44%).

Day Care Supported

In response to a question requested by proponents of a proposal that the city make available a recently acquired church building now known as "Ridge Road Center" as a day care center, 53% favored the building being used primarily for that purpose instead of as a recreation center. The voters also indicated a preference for the day care center being operated by a non-profit organization leasing the facility at cost and for the City providing assistance to low income families whose children use the facility.

1,160 Participate in Poll

This is the third city election at which voters have been given an opportunity to complete a questionnaire. The questionnaires are placed at tables in the voting place, and voters complete them after casting their ballots. The questionnaires are intended to provide information to the newly elected city council and the city staff as to voter opinions on various aspects of city services. It is not intended to serve as a referendum. Persons not eligible to vote may also complete the questionnaire, but few actually do. This year 1,160 questionnaires were completed, with 1,129 being completed at the polling places. The questionnaires were completed, therefore, by 58% of the persons voting at the election.

Tabulations of the questionnaire may be obtained from the city offices.

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Ten Top Stories of 1973

In accordance with its annual custom, the **Greenbelt News Review** has selected the ten top Greenbelt stories of 1973. This year the following were chosen, listed in the approximate order of their occurrence.

—Desegregation of public schools comes to Prince Georges County as U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refuses to interfere with a Federal lower court ruling requiring massive busing. Some elementary school pupils from Center and North End schools are transferred to John Carroll school in Landover and others from Springhill Lake are bused to Oakcrest in Landover. Greenbelt students, except Springhill Lakers, attending Greenbelt Junior High School are transferred to Mary Bethune Junior High School in Chapel Oaks.

—Greenbriar never gets off the front page for long as county and state authorities in the first half of the year approve various stages in the construction of an on-site temporary sewage treatment plant at the northern tip of the Smith-Ewing tract east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to service the 1,193-unit Greenbriar apartment complex. In July, however, NASA (Godard Space Flight Center) refuses to grant a right-of-way permitting the piping of the effluent across its property to an unnamed tributary of Beaverdam Creek, and in September the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (SDHMH) refuses to issue a construction permit for the treatment plant until the State Water Resources Administration (WRA) grants a point of discharge permit for the effluent.

—Council consummates agreement with Springhill Lake apartment owners for purchase of 12.9 acre SHL golf course for \$86,700, of which the city had to put up only 25 percent, the rest coming from federal and state sources. The land will be used for athletic fields and picnic grounds and will provide a site for the Springhill Lake Recreation Building. Council also took the first steps in acquiring additional parkland in parcel 15 (near the Capital Beltway), parcel 1 (near the Baltimore-Washington Parkway), and the Smith-Ewing tract.

—Council amends city's strict anti-burning ordinance to permit use of open pit burning, also known as air curtain destructor, to clear the Greenbriar and FDR High School sites of stumps, provided the rest of the land is cleared by chipping and the chips made available to local citizens. Council later reinstates original law in the hope that alternate ways of clearing land without burning will be developed.

—City property tax rate remains the same — 92c per \$100 assessed valuation — as Federal revenue-sharing funds and county tax rebate for services provided by the city help to balance the budget.

—Council seeks passage of law requiring public disclosure of financial interest of councilmen in wake of report that wife of Mayor Richard Pilski has financial interest in cable TV company seeking franchise from College Park.

—Mayor Pilski again receives high vote in September city council election as voters choose two other incumbents, Gil Weidenfeld and Charles Schwan, and two newcomers, Thomas X. White and Richard Castaldi.

—Work halts on construction of Greenbriar apartment buildings as Prince Georges County suspends building permit originally granted on March 23, 1973 on grounds that the site plan accompanying the approved special exception (1971) did not show the sewage treatment plant.

—Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association faces touch and go situation as State authorities hold up approval of State insurance of its savings accounts until certain conditions are met with respect to accounting and operating procedures and diversification of its investments. Approval finally granted in November for Twin Pines to become participant in Maryland Savings Share Insurance Corporation (MSSIC).

—Greenbelt Homes, Inc. outs and ins have another go at it as dissidents call special meeting and seek legal redress for "grievances". May board election produces majority for "ins"; but membership turns down in December recommendations of board for 16 percent increase in total monthly charges (including amortization payments) to meet fuel oil crisis.

Thanks

To the Editor:

Thanks to all who helped. The two bake sales for Royal Hart raised \$184.70 in sales and contributions. Greenbelt's generosity and civic concern came through again.

Betty Allen
Charlie Brown
Eileen Peterson

ART EXHIBIT AT LIBRARY

The amateur show of the Prince Georges Artists Today Exhibit, selected from over ninety submitted entries from local county artists, will be at the Greenbelt Library in Jan.

Springhill Lake's Martha Sutton

by Jane DeMarines

Martha Sutton has a lot of fond memories at SHL (like the time Georgie Jessel walked into the community house, and the first SHL New Year's Eve party that only cost \$5 a couple, or when the community collected 105 pints of blood for a resident needing a transfusion).

In her nine years as social director, Martha has watched SHL grow from a community of 1500 in 1964 to over 10,000 in 1973. Directing the communities social life has been no small or routine job, to be sure.

In nine years Martha has watched a lot of people come and go (by the size of this place, it seems as if they just come). But this is what she enjoys most about her job, meeting the new faces and trying to keep them happy.

One face Martha won't forget is Georgie Jessel, the day he stormed into the community house in the middle of an award ceremony, trying to find his daughter's apartment number.

She also remembers Mike Epstein, of the Washington Senators, and all the little boys who used to line up outside his door, waiting for a glimpse of the pro.

But Martha remembers all the regular folks too, and feels they are a credit to any community. For example, when 16 townhouses caught fire last year, so many people volunteered to help that she had to appoint committees. By the time the fire department arrived, Boy Scout troops and residents were already helping out. The community house was soon packed with food, clothing, and furniture and at least three groups offered to collect money. But the unusual part of the whole episode is that many of these families who were forced to move out of SHL are now trying to get back in, even after all that inconvenience. Martha feels "that that says something for this community."

Martha, red-haired and energetic was full of stories of the Greenbelt community. She spoke with enthusiasm and pride about the people of this community and the things they have done. She's the kind of person who organizes and gets things done and certainly is well-suited for her job.

Martha got her start as a social director in Germany directing a youth group at an American Air Force Base. She said teens were her first love and is disappointed to see SHL teen programs not very successful. "This is probably due to their great mobility, they either drive or have friends that drive."

Martha has had other programs fail in a big way. "A karate demonstration that had more demonstrators than spectators," but she tries not to remember programs that flop.

However, most of the programs are very successful, and Martha has been asked for advice from apartment owners from as far away as California and Arizona and closer to home from Columbia, Md.

She feels the success of many of her programs is just due to the large size of the community, but one suspects she is being modest.

Martha has liked SHL enough to sell her house in Bowie, Md., to move here, with her husband and son. The rest of her family also likes SHL. She has a married daughter living across the street and a daughter hoping to move back in February.

SHL Civic Group

The Springhill Lake Civic Association at their annual membership meeting on December 12 elected a new board of directors for the coming year. Named to the nine member board were: Mel Baker, Kathy Campbell, Tom Greer, Paul Hartley, Jim Harvey, Tom Isaacs, Tom Keeley, Kathy Lefever, and Ron Luftman.

The Association decided to sponsor one team in the baseball clinic next summer.

The program of the meeting was a slide lecture on Metro given by Cody Phaenstiehl, Director of Community Service for Metro.

"OLD GLORY" LEAVES

"Old Glory" is leaving Twin Pines. This painting which won first place in the Spring Laurel Art Guild Show is part of local artist Linda Hicks' first one woman show. Linda has been exhibiting in Twin Pines for the past two months and has also exhibited in Laurel and Landover Mall.

Linda began to paint after taking courses through the Greenbelt Recreation Dept. and has gone on to P. G. Community College where she is continuing her art studies.

EARLY TAX FILING

Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers who file in January that they gain about a two-week advantage over those who file later. This is because the 10 IRS service centers can process returns and approve refunds much faster early in the filing season when workloads are not heavy.

BRILLIANTS IN THE EVENING SKY

The new moon, Venus and Jupiter will be very close together in the southwestern sky early in the evening of Thursday, Dec. 27. This will be a rare phenomenon.

A week later the comet Kahoutek will become most visible, early evenings in the southwestern sky. It may not be as bright as the earlier predictions, but should be notable.

RACING RESULTS

Three long distance races were held in Greenbelt on Sun., Dec. 23. The featured 20 mile race was won by Phil Stewart of the Washington Sports Club in 1:54:36.5. Alexander Barnes, Laurel Hill Rd., finished 4th in 2:12:03. In the 10 mile, Bill Hoss of Chantilly, Va. won in 57:31. Ken Pugh, formerly of Greenbelt, was 9th in 1:08:10; Jubie Aulisio, Northway Rd., was 14th in 1:09:54; Milton Greenbaum, Ridge Rd., was 15th in 1:10:02 and Bill Clarke, Laurel Hill Rd., was 27th in 1:27:30.

In the 1 1/4 mile Run-For-Your-Life-Race, held weekly for joggers, with time not important, 86 people participated, from a 4-year-old to a 52-year-old. Although speed was not essential, 42-year-old Walter Boehm sped around the muddy course in 9:25. Warren Leddiek, former Greenbelt Recreation Director, now living in Texas, ran in the short race.

The race was co-sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Dept. and is one of the long distance races held each week by the D.C. Road Runners Club.

CANINE COURSES

The 4-H Canine Program offers husbandry and obedience courses beginning Jan. 5 for three Sat. mornings. There will be sessions on pet ownership responsibilities, county ordinances, health and first aid, and grooming various breeds, plus breed showing. These sessions will be followed by an orientation session and 8 obedience classes.

The 4-H Canine Obedience Course is available in Bowie, Hyattsville and Suitland. If the family dog is at least 6 mo. old, any child in the family between the ages of 9 and 15 may enroll with the dog. A fee will be charged. More information on time and place is available by calling the Prince Georges 4-H Club Office at 627-5236.

Recreation Review

Boys' Club

Football uniforms must be turned in on either Dec. 27 or Jan. 3, 7-10 p.m. Bills will be sent out to all parents whose boys have not returned their uniforms.

Winter Registration for Recreation Classes

Registration for the Recreation Dept.'s Winter Classes will be held as follows: Mon., Jan. 14, 3-5 p.m. at the Youth Center; Tues., Jan. 15, 7-9 p.m. at the Youth Center and Wed., Jan. 16, 4-5:30 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Volunteer Training For Public Schools

The Prince Georges County Public Schools, Dept. of Volunteer Services, is holding a pre-service training workshop for persons interested in giving volunteer assistance in the public schools. The workshop will be Jan. 15 & 16, 3:30 - noon, at the Greenbelt Library. Persons wishing to attend or require further information can call 459-1500.

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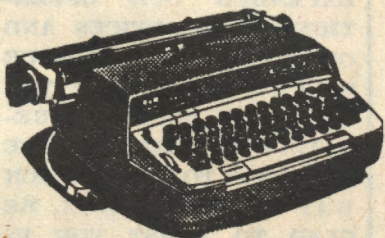
Recycle For Ecological Balance

by Timothy Moore

Today, many problems face our nation, one of the most important being pollution of our environment. We can all do our part to improve our ecological position by collecting recyclable materials such as paper, glass, and even aluminum. Recycling of paper saves large numbers of trees which would have to be cut for new paper. Aluminum can be used in new aluminum products, and glass has numerous uses when recycled—among them an experimental surface for roads.

Few people really know what happens when you drop your glass off at the Municipal Building to be recycled. First, the glass is placed in a device which crushes it. Then, the glass is taken to company in Baltimore which melts the glass down and sells it to a beverage company or to a similar company which makes extensive use of non-returnable glass containers.

Boy Scout Troop 746 got Greenbelt off to a good start on glass recycling earlier this year. Now, if all people in the city will take their glass to the recycling center in the future, and especially at Christmas time when so many recyclable bottles of all kinds are in use, each one will be doing his part to improve our ecology for future generations.



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Further information phone 924-4867

Mid winter session at Springhill Lake will begin.

Jan. 28 For information phone 924-4867

Our Neighbors

It was good to receive greetings from Georgene Turner and family. Georgene is a former News Review staff member now living in Ottawa, Canada.

Former Greenbelters, Gladys and Joe Long, also sent greetings from their home in St. Petersburg, Fla.

John Paul Kelly, 121 Lakeside, has won his varsity letter in football at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind. A starting linebacker, he was also elected to the all-Indiana College Conference second team on defense. Kelly is majoring in American Literature and plans to enter law.

Congratulations to Martha Kaufman, 45 K Ridge, who wrote the winning traffic safety slogan for Nov. 1 for Bolling Air Force Base. Mrs. Kaufman received a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond for her slogan: "Men still die with their boots on - one boot on the accelerator."

Happy birthday to Douglas McNamara, 8, 65 M Ridge Rd. and Jonathan Lange, 7, 6 X Plateau Pl. who celebrated their birthdays on Dec. 18.

Greetings also to David Barnes who celebrated his fifth birthday on Dec. 3.

Mary Gloss, 13-R Hillside, recently attended a special College Weekend at Columbia College, Columbia, Mo. along with 100 other high school students from across the nation.

PGCC Catalogues Available

Catalogues from the Extension Centers Office of Prince Georges Community College, are now available in all county libraries. The college will offer courses for the first time at two junior high schools, Greenbelt and John Hanson, during the 1974 spring semester. The catalogue includes applications for admission, courses, registration information and course descriptions. Students may now register by mail. For further information, call 336-6000, ext. 418, Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

City of Greenbelt, Maryland

NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS

On November 19, 1973, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1973-6, and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1973-6

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OR ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957) EDITION AS AMENDED) TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL", SUB-TITLE, "HOME RULE", TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, SAID CHARTER BEING SECTION 40 OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND (1963 EDITION AS AMENDED) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS SUBSECTION 2 OF SECTION 3, TITLE, "GENERAL POWERS" TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO GRANT FRANCHISES FOR COMMUNITY ANTENNA CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS.

The above amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 8th day of January, 1974, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 29th day of December, 1973, there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the general election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that the above Charter Amendment be submitted to referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt.

A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, Telephone 474-8000.

JAMES K. GIESE, City Manager

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Holiday Refuse Collection

City of Greenbelt, Maryland

There will be no refuse collection service on Monday or Tuesday of New Year's week. There will be only one regular trash collection scheduled for this week on Wednesday and Thursday. Newspapers will also be collected but instead of on Wednesday and Thursday, they will be collected on Friday and Saturday.

City refuse customers may bring their household trash to a City refuse truck that will be parked behind the Greenbelt Fire Station on Crescent Road between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. on Monday, December 31.

Christmas wrappings and trash other than garbage may be placed by Greenbelt refuse customers in the special trash trailer parking behind the Fire Station at any time. **DO NOT PUT CHRISTMAS WRAPPINGS WITH NEWSPAPERS.**

HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

(Clip and Retain for Reference)

	Mon-Wed-Fri	Tue-Thurs-Sat
	Route	Route
Friday, December 28	Regular Trash	_____
Saturday, December 29	_____	Regular Trash
Monday, December 31	No collection	_____
Garbage and trash may be brought to rear of Fire Station - 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.		
Tues., January 1 (New Year's)	_____	No collection
Wednesday, January 2	Regular Trash	_____
Thursday, January 3	_____	Regular Trash
Friday, January 4	Newspapers only*	_____
Saturday, January 5	_____	Newspapers only*

*NOTE: Do not put Christmas wrappings with newspapers. Please place with regular trash.

911 New Emergency No.

Prince Georges County is instituting a new telephone number for all emergency calls. The number is 911. Eventually 911 will be used throughout the country as an emergency call number. In this area the District of Columbia is already using it, and Montgomery and Charles Counties are expected to put it in operation in 1974. The number is only for emergencies, and other calls will be disconnected.

When 911 is called, the operator will determine the type of emergency and route the call to either the county police or fire dispatcher. If the emergency is a police emergency in Greenbelt the county police dispatcher will notify the Greenbelt police dispatcher, and a Greenbelt police car will respond. If it is a fire rescue squad emergency the county fire dispatcher will dispatch the appropriate local fire departments in the same manner it does now.

Greenbelters requiring emergency police services may call the Greenbelt police dispatcher at 474-5454. Since calling that number will reach the Greenbelt Police Department direct and will not be routed through two other dispatchers, service should be slightly faster. Also, the caller is assured the dispatcher will not fail to realize that the emergency is in Greenbelt and send a county car located farther away from the emergency. However, residents, and particularly children, will find it easier to commit to memory the 911 number and thereby avoid wasting time looking up the emergency number in the directory.

Residents are urged to update their telephone directories by listing the following numbers:

Emergency 911, Greenbelt Police - 474-5454; Non-Emergency - Greenbelt Police - 474-5454; County Police - 336-8800; County Fire Department - 864-8400; Greenbelt City Services 474-8000.

Energy Saving Tips

All forms of energy are in scarce supply. The saving of any kind of energy will help to alleviate the oil shortage. Electricity in this area is generated by burning fuel oil.

Tips on Saving Electricity

1. Use only as many lights as may be needed.
2. Use daylight instead of electric light.
3. Cut down on the wattage of electric bulbs.
4. Avoid unnecessary use of electrical appliances.
5. Avoid use of electrical heating devices if possible. Other forms of heat are more efficient.

Tips for Saving Gasoline

1. For short trips use human energy instead—walk or bike.
2. Plan your shopping trips by combining several trips into one.
3. While the shortage lasts, pleasure trips are out. Walk, bike, use the train or plane.
4. Use mass transportation.
5. Car pool.
6. Drive efficiently. Most cars get their best mileage per gallon at around 40 m.p.h. Keep the engine tuned for peak efficiency. Fast starts waste gas. Cold engines use more gas than warm engines, avoid short trips when you can walk or bike. Air conditioning uses extra gas.

Tips for Saving Heat

1. Keep daytime temperatures at 65-68 degrees, night time 6 degrees cooler.
2. Turn down or off radiators and registers in unused rooms.
3. Close tightly and seal cracks in all windows and doors.
4. Close drapes at night but open to let the sunlight in.
5. Do you really need to sleep with the window open?
6. Remove obstructions from around radiators and air registers.
7. Storm windows will pay for themselves in a matter of years by saving fuel costs—especially if your house is also air conditioned. However, be sure furnace receives adequate air supply.

SENIOR CITIZENS ASKED TO VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The Prince Georges County Division of Services and Programs for the Aging is in need of volunteers to assist county senior citizens - at no cost - with the preparation of federal and state income tax returns. Volunteers, age 60 or over, who have a background or knowledge in accounting, bookkeeping, or income tax preparation will participate in a county-sponsored 15-hour training course in early January on preparation of the federal and state tax returns. Willing volunteers will be asked to serve a minimum of four hours per week to help other seniors with tax preparation. They will be reimbursed for mileage and the cost of a noon meal. Sites where these volunteers will be stationed and the hours of operation are now being selected. To volunteer call 350-0650 week days, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

TRAFFIC TIPS

Many motorists assume that a car showing parking lights is stationary, but if ever a driver feels the need to be seen when in motion - at dusk, during bad weather, or when he's traveling on two-lane highways - he should turn on low-beam headlights; not parking lights.

ever, be sure furnace receives adequate air supply.

8. Avoid use of electric heaters which use three times as much fuel to produce the same amount of heat electrically.
9. Save hot water. Wash clothes in cold water whenever possible.
10. Bleed air out of hot water radiators.

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Neighbors A Happy

New Year

Student Jobs In State Transportation

Over 600 Department of Transportation summer jobs throughout Maryland will be available to college and high school students this year. Interested applicants should register now at local Department of Employment Security offices.

This program provides students with the opportunity to perform and earn in work positions related to their career goals, while the Transportation Department benefits from additional manpower and skills.

Jobs are available in the fields of civil engineering, transportation planning, journalism, art, mathematics and accounting. Also available are jobs as clerks, inspectors, draftsmen, maintenance men, laborers, and grounds keepers.

There are only two basic qualifications for employment: Maryland citizenship and proof of continuation of student education. Equal employment opportunity is assured in all positions.

KASH REALTOR

KASH REALTOR WANTS TO TAKE THIS TIME TO THANK ALL OF YOU IN GREENBELT FOR YOUR PATRONAGE THIS PAST YEAR. WE WISH ALL OF YOU THE VERY BEST OF NEW YEAR'S WISHES AND MAY IT BE YOUR BEST YEAR TO DATE. WE HAVE EXPANDED OUR OPERATIONS TO 3 OFFICES AND OF COURSE HAVE 24 HOUR SERVICE ON 345-2151. IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS RELATING TO REAL ESTATE AND WANT TO KNOW WHICH WAY TO GO WE WILL BE GLAD TO ASSIST YOU IN FORMULATING YOUR DECISION.

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Have a ball in this 5 BR 3 bath cent. A/C custom built home in the Hillmeade area. This home has everything that is needed to make living comfortable. Fireplace, intercom, dishwasher, W/W carpeting, lge. patio & carport all on a lge. lot. Offered on FHA/VA terms \$69,-950.

After the ball is over and you want to beat all of your friends into a home, buy this 3 BR home with woods in back near shopping in the Greenbelt Shopping Mall. Washer, dryer and A/C. Owner will help with financing. \$14,500.

Planning is the only way you can get started on a home - if you have been planning, here is a very nice 3 BR home in Riverdale area with eat-in-kit, plus bsmt. You can finish the rec. room the way you want. FHA/VA terms. \$28,000.

Put your money into this 2 BR End home with woods near-by. Beautiful paneling, fenced yard and many other features. Call 345-2151 anytime day or night for additional information on this fine home \$13,500.

Years end and still no home? What are you waiting for, the \$50,000 (1) BR home? See this 3 BR brick rambler near Capitol Plaza. Woods in back, rec. room in basement. FHA/VA terms \$27,950.

345 2151

Now is the time to buy a 3 BR home with rec. room in bsmt. Woods in back! FHA/VA terms \$27,950.

East is East and West is West, when and how much should you invest? Try this 3 BR home near Riverdale Plaza. Rec. rm. in bsmt. and carport, FHA/VA \$31,800.

When you want to move up in Greenbelt, call Kash Realtor at 345-2151 anytime day or night about this 3 BR Masonry home very near the Greenbelt Shopping Mall that has a remodeled kit., many fine appliances plus draperies. \$23,950.

345-2151

Yes, we have financing! Seek this very nice 3 BR home in Riverdale area with rec. rm., CENT. A/C, W/W carpeting plus other features. FHA/VA terms \$29,000.

Early to bed and early to rise will make you healthy and wise. The only way you can become wealthy is to buy a home and you should see this 3 BR 2 bath Cent. A/C home in Brandywine country. Only a year old. All major appliances, W/W carpet and on a wooded lot. FHA/VA terms \$41,000.

At dawn's early light you may want to evaluate your present holdings, if so call Kash Realtor at 345-2151 anytime day or night about this 3 BR 2 bath Brick home near Langley Park offered on FHA/VA terms for only \$38,000.

Red eyed over the home you missed? See this fine 5 BR 2½ bath Cent. A/C home in Boxwood with Family room and fire place plus rec. room with bar. Magnificent carpeting and fabulous draperies. Many other features, lge. patio, swimming pool etc. If you like to entertain and want a home in Boxwood - here is your opportunity. Remember when they were selling for 40,000, 30,000, Etc? How long can you afford to wait? Call 345-2151 for information about moving from your present home \$60,000.

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